

NURSERY PLAY CENTRES

A PROGRAMME which should be of considerable interest to mothers of young children will be broadcast from 1YA in the *Feminine Viewpoint* hour at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, June 19. The programme, which is called *Nursery Play Centres*, is in two parts, the first consisting of a radio visit to "Ferndale," a well-known play centre in the Mount Albert district of Auckland, and the second being an interview by Cynthia Dale with Eleanor Bolster, a committee member of the Auckland Nursery Play Centres' Association, and Lex Grey, the Auckland Association's president.

In the visit to "Ferndale," the commentator moves around among the children at play, recording the sounds of their activity and "the babble of childish voices," and describes what the physical surroundings of the children are, and what they do from day to day.

In the discussion which follows, Mrs. Bolster, who is a mother helper herself, talks about the theories behind the Nursery Play Centre movement with Mr. Grey, who is a Lecturer in the Principles and Practice of Teaching at the Auckland Teachers' Training College. Mrs. Bolster told *The Listener* something about the movement last week. She said that there were 92 centres throughout New Zealand, and that the movement had been going here for from eight to nine years. The National Ad-



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ELEANOR BOLSTER
"Not just a dumping ground"

visor at the moment is Mrs. H. C. D. Somerset, of Wellington.

"It is a co-operative movement of parents and highly-trained educators, aimed at providing the best conditions for the play and development of young children," she said. "It fulfils a need for parents with small children who want them to mix with others. The centre is regarded as an extension of the home, not just a dumping ground. The mothers take turns in running it, and the movement receives a small grant from the Government."



J. C. GRAHAM (above) is the speaker in the series "Journalist at Large," which is being heard on *Thursdays* and *Fridays* from the YA and YZ stations, at 9.15 p.m. His talks on the overseas sources of political news end this week (June 25 and 26) with a discussion of the United Nations headquarters. Mr. Graham is a sub-editor on an Auckland metropolitan newspaper

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Foundations of Happiness

THERE has been too much talk about happiness when we are dead Canon Bryan Green suggests in the first of four talks, *Foundations of Happy Living*, which are to be heard on the YA-YZ link at 9.15 p.m. on the first four Thursdays of July. The talks were specially recorded in England for New Zealand listeners. Canon Green, who is Rector of Birmingham, says in this first talk on "Personal Values" (to be heard on July 2) that in the importance it attached to respect of personality Christianity gave persons a new meaning and a new place. Jesus had never tried to sweep people off their feet. That is important, he says, and no Christian can be a revolutionary of the violent kind—he musn't compel or domineer but must persuade. In the Christian view people are not only free but unique, and every single individual is of equal worth in the eyes of God. In his other three talks Canon Green will discuss happiness in marriage, family life, and faith. Canon Green was in New Zealand about 18 months ago, and will be back here this month for a stay of several weeks.

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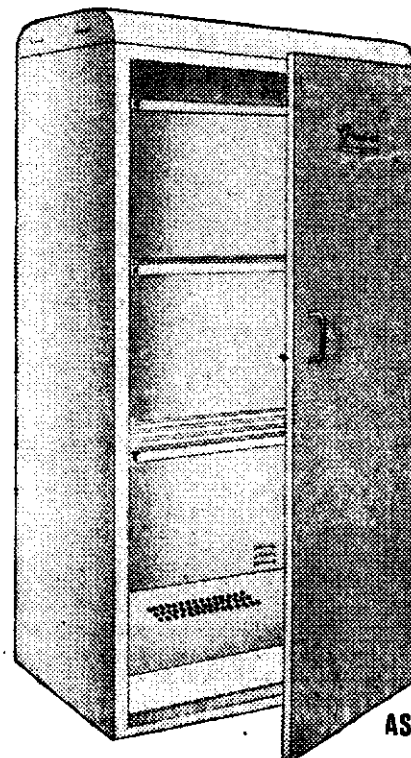
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